

## Patent claims

1. Exchange centre with  
an additional platform, based on commercial HW and SW and containing  
5 one or more SW modules that provide external computers with  
applications with specific functions via open interfaces (API), in  
which case said SW modules, for execution of said functions, use  
internal interfaces to the call control functions of the exchange  
centre.
- 10 2. Exchange centre according to Claim 1, characterized in that said  
open interfaces are realized on the basis of an object-oriented SW  
technology.
3. Exchange according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that  
said open interfaces can also be used locally by applications on the  
15 commercial platform to make use of functions of other applications.
4. Exchange according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that  
a dedicated SW module supports the interworking of said applications  
on the commercial platform. The interworking SW module provides a  
platform-internal interface for this purpose.
- 20 5. Exchange according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that  
the said applications involve protocol conversion applications.
6. Exchange according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that  
the said applications involve applications for a higher-level  
service functionality.